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SUBJ: THREAT AGAINST LFL PRESIDENT AND OTHERS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - GOVERNMENT AUTOMOBILE (A DATSUN) ASSIGNED TO SISAVANG CHANTHEPHA, PRESIDENT OF THE LAO FEDERATION OF LABOR (LFL) AND A "QUALIFIED NEUTRALIST" MEMBER OF THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL (JNPC), WAS DAMAGED BY A GRENADE AT APPROXIMATELY 0100 HOURS NOVEMBER 29. CAR WAS PARKED FOR THE NIGHT NEAR GOVERNMENT APARTMENT COMPLEX. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND SISAVANG HIMSELF WAS IN LUANG PRABANG. (CAR IS ASSIGNED JOINTLY TO SISAVANG AND FELLOW JNPC MEMBER KHAMPHANH SIMMALAVONG AND WAS BEING USED BY KHAMPHANH AT THE TIME, BUT THE ATTACK APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT SISAVANG.)

2. LEAFLETS WERE FOUND AT THE SITE OF THE INCIDENT STATING:

"WARNING

"MR. SISAVANG CHANTHEPHA, I AM GOING TO KILL YOU BECAUSE YOU DESTROY PEACE. YOUR CAR HAS BEEN DESTROYED, BUT YOU ARE STILL
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ALIVE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO DIE, YOU MUST

DISCONTINUE ALL YOUR ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL
TO PEACE. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE
THE SAME PRECAUTIONS:

1. MR. KHAMHOI, PRESIDENT OF THE
LAO STUDENT FEDERATION;
2. MR. BANDITH BOUNGNASENG, SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE 'JOINT PARTY FIGHT-
ING FOR DEMOCRACY AND PEACE,'
3. MR. SEUNE;
4. MR. BOUN-KEUTH (PRESIDENT OF ELECTRICITE
DU LAOS WORKERS' UNIT OF LFL);
5. MR. SILA;
6. MR. KASEY; AND
7. MR. SANCHAY.

"DO NOT FORGET THAT I WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF YOU.

"NOVEMBER 13, 1974

"ONE WHO CARES ABOUT PEACE."

3. NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANY OF THE IDENTIFICATION APPEARED
ON LEAFLET ITSELF OR WHETHER ALL WERE SUPPLIED BY LOCAL
PRESS. WE HAVE NOT SO FAR IDENTIFIED OTHER FOUR PERSONS
ON THE LIST. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL - COMMENT: SISAVANG'S ACTIVITIES
AS LFL PRESIDENT, WHICH HAVE GENERALLY PARALLELED PRE-
SUMED POLICIES OF LAO COMMUNISTS, HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY ANNOYED
MANY OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE. IN ADDITION TO HIS ACTIVISM
IN SEVERAL RECENT LABOR DISPUTES, HE LED AN LFL DELEGATION
THAT CALLED ON NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 16 TO
"EXPRESS THANKS" FOR HANOI'S ASSISTANCE TO LAOS. (WE ARE
UNAWARE OF ANY SIMILAR CALLS ON EMBASSIES OF OTHER AID
DONORS.) THERE IS AS YET NO EVIDENCE AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS INCIDENT. WHILE CIRCUMSTANCES SUGGEST POSSI-
BILITY OF HEAVY-HANDED "WARNING" BY VIENTIANE SIDE, WE
CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT INCIDENT WAS STAGED BY
LAO COMMUNISTS OR BY SISAVANG HIMSELF IN ATTEMPT TO EN-
HANCE SISAVANG'S PRESTIGE AND ERODE IMAGE OF VIENTIANE
SIDE.

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